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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. It is in the public's best interest that this protracted litigation come to an end.

The terms of the settlement agreement are fair. Microsoft has taken appropriate steps to restore fair competition in the software industry. Microsoft has agreed to make available to its competitors the information necessary to enable servers to interoperate natively with Microsoft server operating systems. They also agreed to not to enter into contracts with third parties which would require that third party to exclusively sell Windows products. Concessions such as these will help foster competition.

I appreciate your commitment to resolving this case. Further litigation is obviously not going to accomplish anything more than running up legal expenses and creating more uncertainty in the tech world.

I support the settlement, and I look forward to the end of this case. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlotta Boyd

